

February 20th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3419.20/3COORDINATING COMMITTEE*5. General*RECORD OF DISCUSSIONONITEM 1920: SYNTHETIC FILM FOR DIELECTRIC USE12th, 16th and 19th February, 1959

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3019.20/1; 3419.20/1 and 2.

1. The CHAIRMAN asked for further views on the latest German proposal for the text to be added to the definition of Item 1920. This read:

"and capable of being used for electronic components covered by Item 1560"

(paragraph 6 of COCOM Document No. 3419.20/2).

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate said he could agree to this text.

3. The ITALIAN Delegate said he would join the majority.

4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate asked that the discussion be postponed to the 16th February. On that date, he stated that his authorities did not favour the inclusion in the definition of Item 1920 of a reference to the definition of Item 1560, since the latter dealt with electronic components in general. They preferred the wording proposed by the French Delegation in paragraph 2 of COCOM Document 3419.20/1, according to which the item would read:

"Synthetic film for dielectric use (condenser tissue) of 0.0015 in. (0.038 mm.) or less in thickness and capable of maintaining their dielectric characteristics over the whole range of ambient temperatures extending from below minus 45° C to above plus 100° C."

He asked the United States Delegate whether his statement as reported in paragraph 4 of COCOM Document 3419.20/2 should be interpreted as a firm objection to the above text.

5. The UNITED STATES Delegate pointed out that, shortly after the questions he had raised in that statement had been asked - and answered by the French Delegation as set out in the following paragraph - the German Delegation had suggested a simpler wording. (See paragraph 1. above.) It would facilitate matters for the United States Delegation, for whom the French proposal presented some difficulties, and he believed also for other Delegations who had accepted the French proposal, if the United Kingdom authorities could agree to this new German text.

6. The FRENCH Delegate reminded the Committee that he had undertaken to accept the new German wording provided that in the French text of the definition in the Lists at present the words "papier condensateur" could be corrected to "diélectrique pour condensateurs". As that correction had now been made ("Second Corrrigendum au Doct. 3300") he accepted the German text.

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7. The BELGIAN, CANADIAN and ITALIAN Delegates accepted the German text. The JAPANESE and NETHERLANDS Delegates recalled that they had done so on the 29th January.

8. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that the type of film referred to in this definition was only used in certain types of capacitors, while Item 1560 referred to electronic components in general. He thought it desirable to have a self-contained definition of the type set out in paragraph 4 above. He asked his United States colleague to examine whether the statement by the French expert, reported in paragraph 5 of Document 3419.20/2, had not solved his problem.

9. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that the whole picture had been altered, not only for the United States Delegation but, he thought, also for others, by the submission of the new German proposal. Speaking personally, he did not think the French expert's explanations had allayed all the United States fears. In reply to the United Kingdom Delegate's desire for a self-contained definition, he suggested that it would be easy simply to substitute for the words "Item 1560", in the German proposal, the definition of Item 1560.

10. The CHAIRMAN asked the United Kingdom Delegation to make an effort to accept the latest German proposal, if necessary as thus amended. He ascertained from the Committee that the word "condensers" could be substituted for "electronic components" if that would facilitate agreement.

11. On the 19th February the UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that he had submitted for the consideration of his authorities the following definition of Item 1920:

"Synthetic film for dielectric use (condenser tissue) of 0.0015 in. (0.038 mm.) or less in thickness capable of being used for condensers (?capacitors) covered by the definition of Item 1560."

12. It was AGREED to resume the discussion on the 5th March.

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